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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 06 FY 10/11  
DATE February 24, 2010

**AN ORDER TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE  
STATE OF MAINE AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES LOCATED WITHIN  
THE STATE OF MAINE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine has a unique legal relationship with Native American Tribes located within the state, including the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, and the Houlton Band of Maliseets, as affirmed and set forth in state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine is committed to ensuring an effective social, economic and legal relationship between the Native American Tribes and the State; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital to the well-being and prosperity of the State of Maine that the State maintain and continue to foster long-lasting and committed relationships with the Native American Tribes in Maine; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous unexplored opportunities and possibilities for the State and Tribes to pursue mutual programs and policies in a collaborative partnership to enhance and preserve natural resources for the betterment of communities and citizens in Maine;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct that every state agency shall develop and implement a policy that:

1. Promotes effective two-way communication between the state agency and Maine's Native American Tribes;
2. Promotes positive government-to-government relations between the State of Maine and Maine's Native American Tribes;
3. Enables Maine's Native American Tribes to provide meaningful and timely input into the development of legislation, rules and policies proposed by an agency on matters that significantly or uniquely affect those Tribes;
4. Establishes a method for notifying employees of the state agency of the provisions of this Executive Order and the policy that the state agency adopts pursuant to this section; and
5. Encourages similar communication efforts by the tribes.

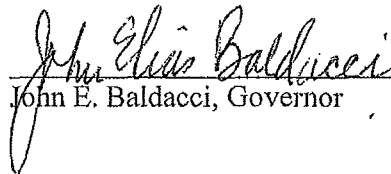
I further direct that every state agency shall designate a tribal liaison, who reports directly to the office of the head of the state agency, to:

- A. Assist the head of the state agency with developing and ensuring the implementation of the communication policy set forth above; and
- B. Serve as a contact person who shall maintain ongoing communication between the state agency and Maine's Native American Tribes.

Nothing in this order creates any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the State of Maine, its agencies, or any person.

**Effective Date**

The effective date of this Executive Order is February 24, 2010.

  
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John E. Baldacci, Governor